State Charter School Board Meeting June 14, 2003 USOE; Boardroom 9:00

Approved by Board on July 15, 2004

Attending: Brian Allen, Anne Peterson, Eric Smith, David Moss, Barbara Killpack, Scott

Smith Ph.D.

Guests: Mark Allen, Patricia Bradley, Jo Schmitt, Ray Timothy, Darrell White

Darrell welcomed the board and Carol Lear swore in members. Board briefly introduced themselves to one another.

Eric Smith nominated Brian Allen to position as chair; Barbara Killpack nominated David Moss.

Both members consented to put their names in nomination. David Moss seconded the motion to name Brian Allen as chair of the State Charter School Board for 2004-2005. The motion passed unanimously.

Board discussed wisdom of having a vice-chair. Killpack nominated David Moss as vice chair. Peterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Allen thanked the board and stated that the board has an opportunity to shape not only the future of charter schools but public education in our state.

Moss commented that he believes that choice within Utah's system of public education is vital. This board can help eliminate misconceptions about charter schools as public schools.

Ray Timothy advised the board that the USOE will advertise and interview for the position of staff director to the board. The position will be advertised for 10 days. Ray committed that when times for interviews are set, he will request representation from the Charter School Board and the charter schools. Board requested that copies of the job posting be sent to them. Ray explained the offices procedures for advertising the positions within districts. Board requested that the position posting be sent to charter schools as well. Dave Moss and Scott Smith volunteered to serve on the committee.

Darrell again congratulated and thanked the board and reminded them that they have power only when they act as a board. No authority rests with individuals to take action, although they will be an important source of information and contact point for the public at large.

Brian questioned the liability of the board. Darrell referred to Risk Management coverage for public boards. Individuals also have governmental immunity when operating under the scope of their job and law. Darrell recommended the Director provide the board with information. Patricia recommended that a presentation from Allen Edwards might be helpful

The board outlined skills and qualifications they feel the director will need. The following were mentioned:

- □ Grant writing
- □ Ability to stay on top of details to ensure the success of the board
- □ Communication with potential charter operators
- □ Good communication skills and skill with electronic communication
- □ Ability to work with the departments at USOE and ED
- □ Skill in communicating the mission of charter schools
- □ Ability to summarize large amounts of information well
- □ Ability to work with volunteers and manage their contribution
- □ Ability to think innovatively
- □ Solid administrative experience
- □ Knowledge of state and federal legislation and regulations

Ray Timothy reviewed the charter school legislation 53A-1a-500 and went through in detail the duties as outlined in the law and the duties that had been handled by the USOE charter schools office and which will now fall the to Charter Schools Board.

Patricia Bradley presented information about current status of charter schools and presented to the board a list of decisions pending action by the board.

Board discussed how the board will hear applications for new charters. Recommendation was made that no process be decided at this meeting. Interested applicants should contact Brian if they want to be on an agenda. Copies of Application that was used last year by USOE will be sent to the Board and the application process will be discussed at the July 15 meeting.

Eric Smith moved that contingent upon receiving the proper permission under HB 231, Patricia prepare and submit the Application for the Charter School Per Pupil Facilities Program. David Moss seconded and the motion passed.

David Moss suggested the importance of national meetings for the Board to help understand other's experience in the movement. Eric Smith recommended writings of Chester Finn.

Two meetings were set in July at the USOE offices.

July 15 at 10:00

July 29 at 10:00

Location will be determined when availability of rooms is researched.